

Chapter 5

Goals for the Sumner Shoreline Master Program

Introduction

As required by the Shoreline Management Act in RCW 98.58.100, the following elements have been considered in the preparation of this Master Program for the City of Sumner: Economic Development, Public Access, Circulation, Recreation, Shoreline Use, Conservation, and Historical/Cultural Resources. The goals and objectives established for these elements are the basis for policies and regulations included under the general and specific use requirements of this master program.

Economic Development Element

This element addresses the location and design of industries, transportation facilities, tourist amenities, commercial and other developments that are particularly dependent on shoreline locations.

Goal Provide for economic activity that is water-dependent, water-related, or that provides an opportunity for a substantial number of people to enjoy the shoreline (water-enjoyment).

Objective To plan for uses that benefit from a shoreline location.

Public Access Element

This element addresses the need to provide the public with opportunities to enjoy the shoreline.

Goal Increase public access to the shoreline, and preserve and enhance views of the shoreline.

Objective To provide for public access to publicly owned shoreline areas, except where deemed inappropriate due to safety hazards, inherent security problems, environmental impacts, or conflicts with adjacent uses. Require dedication of property or easements to provide for a public access across private property as a condition of non-water dependent development.

Circulation Element

This element addresses the need to consider the location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, and other public facilities within the context of other shoreline uses.

Goal Provide safe and adequate vehicular circulation systems to shorelines where routes will have the least possible adverse effect on unique or fragile shoreline features and existing ecological systems, while contributing to the functional and visual enhancement of the system.

Objective To allow vehicular circulation systems within shoreline jurisdiction that benefit permitted uses without degrading the environment or aesthetic values of the area.

Recreational Element

This element addresses the need to preserve and expand shoreline recreational opportunities along the shoreline through programs of acquisition, development, and various means of less-than-fee acquisition.

Goal Provide public and private recreational facilities along the shoreline wherever appropriate.

Objective To develop public and private recreation opportunities that are compatible with adjacent uses and that protect the shoreline environment.

Shoreline Use Element

The shoreline use element considers the following:

1. The pattern of distribution and location requirements of land uses on shorelines and adjacent areas, including but not limited to housing, commerce, industry, transportation, public buildings and utilities, agriculture, education, and natural resources.
2. The pattern of distribution and location requirements of water uses including, but not limited to, aquaculture, recreation, and transportation.

Goal Ensure that the overall design of land use patterns will locate activity and development in areas of the shoreline that will be compatible with adjacent uses and will be sensitive to existing shoreline environments, habitat, and ecological systems.

Objective To promote the best possible pattern of land and water uses consistent with the Shoreline Management Act of 1971, the City of Sumner Comprehensive Plan, the City of Sumner Parks and

Recreation Plan, the Sumner/Pacific Trail Master Plan, and the Sumner Zoning Code.

Conservation Element

This element is concerned with preservation of the natural shoreline resources, considering such characteristics as scenic vistas, parkways, fish and wildlife habitat, and other valuable natural or aesthetic features.

- Goal** Preserve, protect, and restore to the greatest extent feasible the physical, biological, and visual attributes of the shoreline environment.
- Objective** Through the use of best available science develop and implement siting criteria, design standards, and best management practices that will ensure the long term enhancement of unique shoreline features, natural resources, and fish and wildlife habitat.
- Objective** To designate and develop areas where there is an opportunity to restore, enhance, and conserve the natural shoreline for the benefit of fish and wildlife habitat.

Historical/Cultural Element

This element addresses the protection and restoration of buildings, sites, and areas having historic, cultural, educational, and scientific values.

- Goal** Identify, preserve, protect, and restore shoreline areas having historical, cultural, educational, or scientific values.
- Objective** To ensure the recognition, protection, and restoration of shoreline areas that have historical and or cultural value to the City of Sumner and create a unique “sense of place” for public facilities, recreation areas in the shoreline jurisdiction.